



INFORMATION BRIEF

Meeting: March 10, 2025

Alberta EPR Program

DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND: Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program is a regulatory framework designed to shift the responsibility for managing recyclable waste materials from municipalities and taxpayers to the producers who introduce these materials into the marketplace. The program aims to enhance recycling and reduce waste. The program began on November 30, 2022, with full rollout scheduled for April 1, 2025. Several other provinces have rolled out similar programs.

This program is designed to manage **PPP** (Packaging and Paper Products) including single-use items, packaging materials, and paper products and **HSP** (Hazardous and Special Products), which covers household hazardous waste, such as chemicals requiring specialized disposal.

Under the EPR program, producers will need to establish and fund collection and recycling systems, meet specific recycling performance target, and educate consumers on proper waste disposal.

DISCUSSION: Administration has been working with Circular Materials to transition to the EPR program. E360s Environmental will continue to collect the residential recycling, and we will not notice a change of service. Any collection issues will be directed to e360s in the future, instead of being dealt with by the Town.

The burden of the cost of recycling will be removed from the residents, therefore the recycling charge will need to be removed from utility bills. Commercial collection will still be the responsibility of the Town of Claresholm, and commercial customers will continue to pay the fees.

The Town will also receive a monthly payment of \$1,669 monthly from Circular Materials to cover the cost of the commercial bins in the Town Yard used by residents as a depot facility.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) none

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) none

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